

**Maryland Commission on Climate Change  
Adaptation & Response Working Group**

Date/ Time: Friday, November 4, 2016; 10–12 AM  
Location: Tawes State Office Building  
580 Taylor Avenue, E-2, Annapolis, MD

- I. Welcome, Introductions, October Updates 10:00 – 10:05 am  
Mark Belton, Secretary of Department of Natural Resources; Chair, ARWG

Discussion: Adaptation & Response Workgroup Group Chair, Secretary Mark Belton will open the meeting and seek approval of September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting notes. Updates from October will be shared.

Materials: September 15, 2016 Meeting Notes

- II. Review of Agenda 10:05 – 10:10 am  
Catherine McCall, Director, Coastal and Marine Assessment DNR

Discussion: Catherine McCall will review the meeting focus area on “developing broader public/private and federal/state/local partnerships.” The forum will include three presentations that will be followed by a discussion on opportunities for and membership of the ARWG. In addition to the Forum Focus Areas, the meeting will review the ARWG annual report; discuss milestones for the 2017 Work Plan; and needs to connect issues with the other Climate Change Commission Workgroups.

Materials: Meeting Agenda

- III. ARWG Forum Focus – Developing Broader Public/Private and Federal/State/Local Partnerships 10:10 – 11:15 am

Discussion: The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter focus area for the ARWG is to address new partnerships that may be needed to advance adaptation goals in Maryland. Having spent previous forums exploring tool delivery for local governments; economic and investment decisions; and challenges facing low income and vulnerable communities, the ARWG will use this forum to discuss partnership opportunities that include business and industry representatives and local and university partners.

Requested Decision: Discussion of opportunities to effectively connect members’ work together, engage new partners and collaborate with other work groups to enhance adaptation impacts.

- A. Engaging Small Businesses in Maryland on Climate Change 10:10 – 10:35 am  
Katy Maher, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

Discussion: The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) will present on recommendations for engaging small- and medium-sized businesses in Maryland on climate change resilience. This will include challenges and risks small businesses face, resources and information that are needed, and how to best

support businesses in enhancing resilience to extreme weather and climate change.

- B. Local Capacity, Regional Coordination 10:35 – 11:00 am  
Brian Ambrette, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Discussion: With funding from the Town Creek Foundation, the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) and Antioch University's Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience piloted a regional capacity building project for climate resilience on the Eastern Shore. The pilot project successfully launched the Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Facilitated Community of Practice, which includes participants from five county governments (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot), three municipalities (Cambridge, Chestertown, and Oxford), four state agencies (DNR, MDE, MEMA, and the Critical Area Commission), four academic institutions (UMD Sea Grant Extension, UMCES, Washington College, and Chesapeake College), and one nonprofit organization (ESLC). As of October 2016, the Community of Practice is drafting goals and a list of possible collaborative initiatives. Priority work areas will include:

- Assisting communities and expanding capacity for risk reduction and preparedness
- Facilitating information and knowledge exchange between members
- Promoting education for members, residents, and elected leaders

- C. Expanding Facilitated Communities of Practice 11:00 – 11:15 am  
Abigail Abrash Walton, Antioch University (call in)

Discussion: The Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience has conducted a range of climate preparedness capacity-building programs, including the April 2016 Local Solutions: Eastern Regional Climate Preparedness Conference, convened in partnership with U.S. EPA in Baltimore, MD. This presentation will include findings from the pilot Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Facilitated Community of Practice, conducted in collaboration with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, and from the Center's just-released Local Solutions Report: Identifying and meeting the needs of local communities adapting to a changing climate. Opportunities may exist to replicate this FCoP model as a means of building sustainable cross-jurisdictional, cross-functional collaboration to advance resilience at the local scale.

- IV. Adaptation Opportunities Wrap up from Georgetown Climate Center 11:35 – 11:45 am  
Catherine McCall, Director, Coastal and Marine Assessment DNR  
Jessica Grannis, Georgetown Climate Center

Discussion: The Georgetown Climate Center presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly forum about its work for the Town Creek Foundation and ARWG regarding examples of addressing adaptation. Since their draft report was circulated DNR staff have worked with GCC to identify possible opportunities and recommendations that are consistent with 2016's discussions at the quarterly forums. The ARWG will discuss these ideas and seek feedback.

- V. ARWG Report Updates, MCCC Feedback and Discussion 11:15 – 11:35 am  
Mark Belton, Secretary of Department of Natural Resources; Chair, ARWG  
Catherine McCall, Director, Coastal and Marine Assessment DNR

Discussion: As the ARWG's annual report was drafted and reviewed by the MCCC from August–October 2016, members will review the final draft in preparation for inclusion in the MCCC report to the Governor and Legislature.

Requested Decision: ARWG members have provided feedback on the draft report and updates have been made. A recommendation will be sought from the ARWG to keep the report moving along to the MCCC as its contribution to the annual report to Governor Hogan and the General Assembly. The work group will be kept apprised of any additional feedback or needs on the ARWG report from the November 9<sup>th</sup> MCCC meeting.

V. ARWG in 2017 & Wrap Up 11:45 – 12:00 pm  
Mark Belton, Secretary of Department of Natural Resources; Chair, ARWG

Discussion: The ARWG will briefly discuss 2017 milestones for the next work plan that will go to the Commission by April 2017. Milestones will be comprised of some of the “Up Next” items and additional items that address short-term, 2-year, implementation goals that would demonstrate adaptation progress.

- o Dates, themes and goals for the next ARWG Forum and 2017 objectives.
- o Opportunities to work with the other Climate Change Commission Workgroups
- o Update on MCCC funding proposals

Adjourn.

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